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RANDOM PARAGRAPHS WORTH READING

Missionary News From Busy Workers in All Fields

The Persecutions Grow in Force

In the beginning of my letter I wish to say that we are all well, and I thank my Lord for this great blessing. We are a large family, so health means much to us. I am able, in spite of many difficulties, to continue my work in the Lord's vineyard, and often I find more real good resulting from my personal contact with the lonely wayfaring man, than when I was able to hold public meetings. The persecutions grow in force each day, but it does not stop men from hungering after the truth. May God help me to keep faithful in ministering to the needs of the souls I meet by the wayside. I do want to thank you all for the help you are to me and my family, and for your prayers for our Land. I want to wish you dear friends a very "Happy New Year"—it may be our Lord will come for His own and that would be a "happy new year" in the true sense of the word. May God's rich blessing be upon you in the Office of the Fellowship. I am your fellow co-worker.—J. C.

Believers In Prison For Months

Unless one is recognized by the denominational boards, he can hold no meeting. Further, no one under eighteen years of age is permitted to attend any religious service other than the one into which he was born. You can understand that this spells finish to children's work. No one is permitted to hold a meeting without a permit, and the officials even go so far as to say that speaking to one person in your own home is a meeting. Some believers in our larger cities have been in prison for months for this offense. These things make one think of Jacob when he cried out:—"Joseph is not and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away. All these things are against me!" Gen. 43:36.' Truly a dark picture for Jacob. But the time of our darkness is the time when the Lord shows His hand. Soon the Lord gave Jacob back his three sons. Likewise can we say in the dark hour: "The Lord has made His face to shine upon us in great measure"—R. M.

Personal Work with the Open Bible In Hand

As we draw near to the New Year, we think of the total expenditures for the past year (less than $700) and how the money was used. When we realize that any clerk earning $14 per week is receiving more than was used here, we can then appreciate how God makes much out of little. The above not only bought food for two people, but also paid for our furniture, electric light fixtures, wood and coal; over $60 worth of Bibles distributed, also paid for our railroad fare from Poland, baggage expenses, travel expense to other parts, postage on outgoing mail and incoming Scripture, registry of the Mission, and a goodly tithe was given to co-workers and needy poor. Fifty thousand or more Gospels and tracts in many languages were distributed. Most of the work was personal, with the open Bible in hand, resulting in eight professions of faith by Jews in Poland and ten professions of faith by Jews here in this city. These we know of; others we expect to meet in heaven. And mark you, these professions were not made in Christian Conference grounds by folks who have been hearing the Gospel for years, but by Jews who are taught that Jesus Christ is the God of the Gentiles. Some folks insist it is not worth while to invest in Jewish evangelization and missions, but the above figures prove otherwise.—In Hungary.

"And Ye Shall Be Hated of All Men"

The precious souls of the new converts are experiencing on their way to greater perfection every manner of hindrance, coming from the enemies of the Word of God,

who are trying by every possible means to distract the newly converted ones from following after their Saviour and Lord. The persecutions of some of them are a living testimony to the Word of God, according to Matthew 10:36. But seeing in it the fulfillment of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, they are trying to follow after Him, despite all barriers. The Word of God tells us:—"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."—Matt. 10:22.

Fearful Luke-Warmness In the Churches

It seems to me, dear friends, that we have fearful luke-warmness in the churches, and I do believe from experiences I have had with men of all conditions that this is to a great extent responsible for the wide spread of atheism. The multitudes are watching the church members, who should be "living epistles" to the world; but seeing the churches dead or at best luke-warm toward evangelism and missions, they lose faith in God and every religious teaching, all that the Church holds dear. How urgent it is then that we of a living faith should pray and do our very best that the present-day churches should return to their "first love."

Many Rabbinical Jews in Deep Thought

Many fine long-bearded old men were indeed real nice and they asked some wonderful questions; others were most bitter, and still others began to heckle. On the whole, though, a blessed time was had, many Jews going away with their heads sunk down deep on their chests in serious thought. As I started for home to "thaw out," a police officer stopped me and asked something in a language which I did not know. The Jews that were going along with me explained that the officer wished to see my credentials. The Jews seemed elated as they told the officer that I was a Missionary.' Soon the Lord had His child on the scene in a dear brother who explained to the officer who I was and what I was doing. The officer then quickly returned my credentials to me and my passport also, and with a grand gesture of courtesy left us to go on our way. The Jews were sadly disappointed.

Mission House, Rath, U. Provinces,
India, December 20.

A Voice From India Speaks To Us

Dear Folks:—

The Lord use you in these days as never before. Surely the "days are evil," and our Lord's coming draweth nigh. "We look up and lift up our heads" because "our redemption draweth nigh." I am enclosing one dollar for the mission work. We are in the midst of poverty here of every degree and kind.' The Lord cannot bless a people who have given His honor to *creatures* — creatures of man's imagination and construction.

The entrance of God's Word giveth light, so the Lord have mercy on those who know the truth and follow it at all costs, and on those who know Him who is Truth but are choosing not to have Him reign over them! I feel that many lives are in the balance these days. As they turn now, so will they be. The time is short. The Lord prosper you in every thing that "measures up" to something better in the Kingdom of Truth and Grace. The Spirit of God is searching out those who will be of the Bride of Christ. He seeks out those who will stand firm in the faith and in love, joy and peace be established by His grace. Praise Him for His goodness! With kindest regards and with love of the brethren, and with love to God, we enter this season with joy and peace in our hearts. The Lord use you to many in these days before He comes. Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus. — M. Henrietta Cowden.

THE MILLERS ARE NOW IN HUNGARY

Winning Israel to Messiah, Feeding the Hungry and Quiet Under Bombardment

Munkacs, Hungary, Dec. 29.

My Dear Brother Sanctuary:—

The Lord is blessing us in abundant measure, enabling us to tell the wonderful Good News that Jesus Christ, Who is the Messiah Whom the Jews are seeking, has come and paid the penalty for sin once and for all, by laying down His life a ransom for many. Of late some to whom I have been witnessing have been most hostile. Yesterday I had the privilege of holding an informal street meeting with about two hundred Jews at our market place. There was no business, so many gathered around and asked questions, which were answered from an open Hebrew Bible. This lasted for more than three hours, the ground being covered with snow and ice and the mercury below zero.

In the last week the Lord snatched five precious souls out of the pit of corruption. One young Jewish man of 19 years of age who has gone the way of many Jewish young men these weeks by hiking some three hundred miles to a place where they enlist in the British army for service in the Promised Land left with the Word of God in Yiddish in his pocket and a gift from the Lord. On Saturday in our home a young Jewish girl of 13 gave her hand that she gave her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. She testified before her own mother who also came to the meeting.

Celebrating a Birthday

On Monday, December 26, I was exactly four years old. And now I have a new sister with the same spiritual birthday, for the Lord saved another girl in our home on that day. She is fourteen years old, a sister of the other one mentioned above. This girl found the Lord as Mrs. Miller was reading John 1 in Yiddish to a small group of girls. Verse 12 removed the veil from her eyes forever. When she realized that those who believe are children of *God,* then she must be a child of the *devil,* she cried out that she did not want to be a child of the devil any longer but she wanted to be a child of God — and God answered.

On Tuesday, the day following, a younger sister, aged 12, came hurrying into the house to tell us that she wanted to be saved and believe and belong to Jesus Christ. The older ones had explained to her that she must believe that Jesus Christ was Very God, and that He is the Jewish Messiah, that He died on the cross for her sins, was buried and arose from the dead on the third day. To this she confessed and so has passed from death unto life.

A Little Girl of Eighty

This afternoon another "little girl" of eighty years came to the house seeking the American Jews. This dear old Jewess sits in the market selling apples. Many times I had the joy of speaking to her as I bought her wares. But this afternoon, being too cold for her on the open market place, she decided to pay us a visit. This was her first time at our home. Mrs. Miller opened the written Word of God and read to her. She said no one had ever told her before of these things, nor did they ever tell her mother. Soon she professed Christ as her own personal Messiah and sin bearer. Shortly afterwards she said that she felt all her sins were taken away from her. Mrs. Miller told her of the persecution that awaited her if she testified, but she answered that she did not care what they did to her; she knows she is going to be with God forever. She is a great grandmother.

Seven Hours of Testimony

Today I had the joy of witnessing continuously in one store for seven hours to many Jews of all sorts, orthodox men and women; also to a number of young ladies. One man, who recently lost his job with the government because he is a Jew, was a splendid listener; also his wife. The open Hebrew Bible was used continually throughout the long hours of testimony. From there I went directly to another store, where I had four hours with a very orthodox man, who fought the Word of God bitterly, his main argument being, "Why was it necessary for God to have some one beside Himself?" I explained how there had to be two witnesses. He claimed that God said "Let there be light" and so there was light.

I had him read in Hebrew the word "And God said," which in Hebrew is *Vayomer Eloheem.* The numerical value of each letter in those two Hebrew words added together makes a total of 343. Seven being the number of perfection, also the number of swearing, we found that 7 x 7 x 7 equals 343. In the two Hebrew words "And God said" we have God the Father swears; God the Son swears and God the Holy Ghost swears — yet there is one God. See also "And God said, Let *us* make man in *our* image after *our* likeness — (three times the plural personal pronoun). So God created man in *His* own image, in the image of God created *He* him; male and female created *He* them (three times the singular personal pronoun).

Jews Taking on Romanism

All those who have professed His name the past week have been greatly rejoicing. How different to those in our city who have taken on Romanism for financial gain! One lady who has been a very strict orthodox Jewess is lamenting bitterly over what she has done. Of course, she wanted to obey her

husband's wishes. Many professional men and their families have taken this step lately in our city.

Other professional men are now learning a trade. Picture, if you can, a prominent doctor sitting in a tailor shop learning to be a tailor — or in a carpenter shop making furniture; young ladies and men of well-to-do families all learning trades. The reason is, I am told, that they may enter some other country where only those with a trade in hand are permitted, — where as professionals they will not be permitted to enter certain countries.

Had a blessed time for some three hours this week over the Scripture with a Jewish man aged 45. He is an expert carpenter and cabinet maker; he is out of work and has a wife and two children. I had him make a shelf in our pantry that he might earn something for himself. Today he rejoiced that the government has called him to work. He will be earning one pengo and fifty filler per day of six hours, — equal to thirty cents per day. With wood and coal at $10 and $13 per ton you can understand how far he will need to stretch his earnings. If you think this is bad, consider our grocer, who buys butter at 40c. a pound and sells it at 41c. per pound wholesale. He sells ten pounds a day. He has other articles, but butter is his main item. He has a wife and six kiddies.

Distributing Food Packages

A dear brother in the Lord enabled me to distribute a number of packages of food, and stockings for children. There are 300 refugees in our city who are housed and fed by the government and in need of many things. Brother Karl Faulkner can tell us better how it feels to be a refugee. A week ago we spent five hours at the border and failed to get him into the country officially and legally.

The new border has affected a dear faithful brother who labors about forty miles from here. He cannot reach the villages any longer; has a wife and five small children. He drove home on his bicycle rejoicing in the Lord, laden down with Scripture, groceries and a gift from the Lord. Another dear old brother and sister who live a mile away on a very muddy road, thanked me with tears pouring down his face because I carried a bundle of groceries out to his house.

Minister or Missionary

I can't help thinking of the violent contrast between this missionary effort and the work of a minister in a well-lighted, well-heated city church, with a large salary, good home and plenty to eat and to wear. If such men were to see their brethren in Christ holding a meeting by the light of an oil lamp — no wood to heat the prayer meeting room — congregation and preacher, too, in heavy coats — collections on Sunday A. M. from fifty persons not reaching fifty cents (many offerings are one-fifth of a cent); traveling preachers shepherding 15 to 18 groups and not getting support from all combined; the Missionary when he speaks, instead of expecting an offering, usually has to pay for the lights and heat if any — what would the city preacher say!

If you who are reading this letter are one of those "unbelievers in Missions," I ask you, is it nothing to you? Or if you who are reading this and have a love for Israel, giving of your gifts and praying for their salvation, is it nothing to you if you are taking the Lord's gifts and putting them at the disposal of such a man? If you are following the Lord, your gifts will be behind the Lord and will reflect Him. Otherwise your gifts get in front of the Lord and hide Him. You must make sure that the work you are supporting is preaching the Gospel of Grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. So must you also be certain whether that work is using your gifts to put the pure Word of God into people's hands to win souls, — or are your gifts being used to print large books explaining away the power of the Word of God?

Please pray for each one mentioned here, according to the needs we have placed before you. Please also remember us to our many friends, giving our love.

City Under Bombardment

Munkacs, Jan. 6, 1939.

Again it is in order to write "We are safe and happy serving our Lord." Today our city was bombarded by artillery. Several large buildings were hit. These were but a few hundred yards from our homes. Many soldiers lost their lives. This is written not knowing if or how it might reach you. The postmen as well as every available man, has been pressed into service to defend the city. The peace of heart which is ours is marvelous. As this is being written Mrs. Miller is sound asleep and fully dressed.

Early this morning I was awakened from sleep, not by any noise, but by the Holy Spirit giving me a feeling of uneasiness to such an extent that sleep was impossible. I was very tired, having been dealing with an old Jewish man close on to midnight. After he professed Christ and went home, I spent several hours in prayer and meditation with the Lord and His Word. Went to bed at 2 A. M. But I was soon awakened and was not permitted to fall asleep again. Each time I dozed off I was awakened by the Spirit.

Resisted the Spirit's Call

For half an hour I resisted the call to get up, trying to learn the reason for it all. I began to pray for various workers whom we know in other parts of the world, and who might be in danger, but this brought no ease. Then I prayed for individual prayer partners whom we know; prayed for the young converts here who may be facing persecution; prayed for those we have been dealing with, that the devil's hold might be broken and the soul snatched from his power.

Yet all these prayers did not meet the need, as the Holy Spirit still insisted on keeping me from falling asleep. As I climbed out of

bed, Mrs. Miller asked me what was wrong. I replied that I did not know, other than that the Lord seemed to be continuously calling, and that I was going to the kitchen and read the Bible. Wrapped in my overcoat and sheep-lined Russian hat, I went into the kitchen to be alone with the Lord and His Word. It was 3:40 A. M.

Within a few minutes there was a terrific loud cannon shot, which shook the house and sounded as if it were in our yard. This was followed by the peppering of machine gun firing. This continued for an hour or more, during which time I prayed for safety, — after which I was soon at ease and back in bed sound asleep.

City Under Martial Law

This morning no one was permitted on the streets. Hundreds of young men with rifles went to defend the borders, which make a complete circle around our city. Shortly after noon we were once more bombarded by artillery for two hours. Again there was much rifle and machine gun firing. At present all is quiet on the north, east, south and western fronts. Perhaps we are in for a time of starvation, or perhaps an air attack.

But this is not all, dear prayer partners. There is another matter which needs your prayer support. Many large meetings held by the Brethren are now forced to discontinue their witness, after being here twenty years. One is permitted to carry on under the Methodist banner; another under a Baptist banner. The others are forced to close their meetings.

Last week we told to the glory of God of five Jewish souls in one week. But yesterday He gave a greater portion, — three Jewish souls in 24 hours — a man of 52, a woman of 40 and a child of 10. Beloved, pray that these may be grounded in the truth of the Gospels and be used to win others to Him.

Cooking Every Third Day

This week we again had the joy of distributing a goodly number of parcels of food to needy Jewish families. The parcels weigh about 18 pounds each, containing rice, sugar, beans, flour, soap, tea, kosher imitation coffee, kosher margarin, salt, lemons and stockings. Many to whom these packages have been delivered have sores on their faces and hands, due to lack of nourishment and sun shine. Many cook every third day to economize on wood. The temperature averages below freezing. Picture if you can their reaction to receiving a package of food.

Mrs. Miller joins me in praying the Lord's richest blessings upon all who pray for us and His work here. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe. Prov. 18:10. Yours by grace.

RUDOLPH MILLER.

Praying this finds Brother Smith once more well and strong.—R. M.

A FAITHFUL WITNESS IN POLAND

Kamenetz-Litovsk, Jan. 3.

Dear Brethren:—

During the month of December I visited 8 villages, called on 34 Russian, 5 Polish, and 35 Jewish families. I also visited 3 sick people and made 4 calls at an orphanage. I conducted 8 general meetings, 8 prayer meetings, 5 children's meetings, and 2 women's meetings. I received numerous callers at home and I distributed a considerable amount of religious literature. I made 40 kilometers on foot, rode 50 kilometers on bicycle, 60 kilometers on a wagon, and 140 kilometers on bus. I had three talks with a Jew apothecary. He asked for religious literature and I gave it to him.

On the 9th of December I had a prayer meeting at the village of Bolyevo, 4 kilometers from here. I called on two families of believers, returned home at eleven o'clock. On the 11th of December we had a large meeting at the Kamentz-Litovsk. Sister Prokopyook, a woman missionary, was our guest. She bore witness to God's great works and called women to more zealous endeavors. In the evening we had a young people's meeting. Sister Prokopyook, who has a wonderful voice, sang numerous hymns at this meeting.

Brother Marzinkovsky, accompanied by his wife, delivered several lectures in the city of Brest-on-Bug, from 13th to 15th of December. His topics were: "The Power of the Holy Ghost" and "The Inner Life Of A Believer And An Unbeliever". He also showed slides, "The Land Where Christ Lived". His wife also read several lectures to women and children. People came to these lectures from afar. Some travelled as much as 50 kilometers. They were very attentive and praised the Lord for His abounding grace. On their way home these people were overtaken by sub-zero weather. Some of them were chilled so thoroughly that they had to take to their beds. The hands and ears of some of them were frost-bitten. I also was chilled considerably that time.

On the 17th of December, inspite of bitter cold, I rode on bicycle to the village of Verkhi, 2 kilometers from here. On the way there I visited a family of believers. Thence, accompanied by a young man, I proceeded to the village of Grabovzy, 6 kilom. further. Because of the deep snow we walked more than we rode. Arriving to Grabovzy I visited several families and had a prayer meeting. It was getting dark when I started for home. But before I got there I visited one more village, Sosny and had a prayer meeting there too. I arrived home quite late, thoroughly chilled and tired out. Felt sick for a few days after that trip.

On the night of December 25th the snow falling in earnest. And I had to go to the village of Lipno to a meeting. Having no other way of getting there, I went on foot.

Although all worn out I made it by 11 o'clock and I had there a blessed meeting. When the meeting was over, I was asked to visit a sick man, a former enemy of the believers. He perked up after my talk with him and told me that he believes in God and wishes us to pray that health may be restored. I knelt by his bed and prayed. When in parting I extended my hand to him, he wouldn't let it go till he kissed it. He begged me to visit him in the future. The local brothers and sisters are seeing him often now. It makes him happy and he is getting better.

On December 27th I went to Brest-on-Bug by the bus. There was a district conference of religious workers. The road was snow-bound. It took the bus 4 hours to make 40 kilometers. I went there to an orphanage and I visited a Catholic family. This was my second call. I invited them to the prayer meeting. The man of the family accepted Christ at this meeting. We rejoiced in it and the man wept as he prayed. After this he became very happy and asked us to pray that the Lord may strengthen him to follow in His footsteps.

People are sending many requests to me to visit their meetings. It is a pity that I have no possibility of seeing them all. What hinders me is the lack of money to pay for transportation. Now that the roads are covered with snow, the bicycle is useless. One has to ride on a wagon. And to do that one needs money. This is what really hinders the work. I do all that is in my power; the rest I leave to God. But it grieves me that I cannot visit many more people. The souls are athirst for the Word of God. For instance, I was asked to a meeting on the 19th, to a town 25 kilometers from here. I don't see how I can make it.

I am praying the Lord to help me find a way to visit all those people so that I can sow the seed, the Word of God. I'm begging you to remember me in your prayers, Your servant in Christ. JAROSZUK.

MRS. HILL WRITES TO HER FRIENDS

Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Dear friends of *The Harvest Field*:

For months I have been thinking about writing, for I'm sure many would like to know how we fare since coming to the States. We have been here nearly a year and have enjoyed the freedom of this "Land of Liberty" after nineteen years of stress and strain regarding passports and permits. I sometimes feel as if I were just having a pleasant dream.

But the realities of life are keenly felt in other ways. Testings have come that were unforseen. God knowing all about it, arranged our pathway. I think I understand more clearly than ever before in my life verse 23 Psalm 37 — "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way." How impossible it would be for us to order our own steps; if untried they would mostly be missteps.

When we arrived last January Dick went to Shreveport, Louisiana and entered Centenary College. So far as we knew he was in good health. At the close of the school year he took a summer course which would enable him to complete a year's work in six months. As this summer course drew to a close Dick had a very serious breakdown which has necessitated his giving up his college work perhaps for some years to come. The doctors have ordered a rest cure in a Sanitarium. How long it will take to restore him to health and strength we do not know. But God knows and our trust is in Him. There is every indication that Dick is on the mend. He is helping greatly by taking a cheerful attitude. He knows and loves the Lord. This enables him to say "Thy will be done."

I know that when the fire burns hottest and the soul is almost overwhelmed, the Lord is near. His "Daughter be of good cheer, thy faith hath made thee whole," takes on a new meaning and I look up through my tears to my Saviour's face. I know his love is watching over us.

My ever present service for the Master is caring for my aged, invalid Mother and as opportunity comes I do a little personal work at the Sanitarium where Dick is a patient. The Superintendent is a Christian woman and she has given me the privilege of visiting other patients when I have a few minutes to spare. Many of the patients are very young women. Seven of these dear ones have accepted New Testaments from me and each one signed a card promising to read a chapter a day. One young married women has accepted Christ. I do need your prayers for these dear souls.

I hope later to write you more about God's grace to us and the Spirit's work at the Sanitarium.

Greetings in His name,

MRS. LOUISE V. HILL

(Since the above was written the aged, invalid mother of Mrs. Hill has gone to be with the Lord—Editor.

IN THE MASTER'S SERVICE

A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ Witnesses During His Army Service

Bulgaria, Dec. 23.

Dear Brother Smith,

Greetings in Jesus' holy name. It is my earnest prayer that this letter will find you in perfect health. Due to circumstances the privilege of keeping in close contact with you and the rest of the Fellowship has been denied to me. I have not been able to write as often as I should have, and naturally have not received any letters. Whatever information has come to me has been through Mrs. Nikoff, and with that, a month or two later, because at the time I have been a soldier or away from Sofia.

So far, figuratively speaking, my hands have been tied, and whatever I have done for the Lord has been the result of great effort. I thank God for the patience He gave me during these six months of trials. No matter how furious Satan has been with his hindrances, the Lord graciously has used me in a quiet way.

My aim with this letter is to give an account to the friends who faithfully pray for me and are vitally interested in the Lord's work here. In spite of Satan's and man's efforts to hinder the sowing of the gospel seed, some seeds have fallen on good ground and give fruit. I wrote of the visible results in the army. One college man accepted the Lord as his Saviour, and one officer became vitally interested in the Bible and its message. Of the rest God keeps an account and we will know it when we see Him face to face.

A greater part of the rest of the time I spent at Stob, my birth place, and Rila, a neighboring village with 5000 population. At Stob I had two public meetings at the call of the mayor. Here I preached the Gospel, taught the Word, made many calls and received many inquirers. The result is that six people have taken a definite stand for the Lord, and desire to be baptised. D. V. next fall after I am through with the military service, we will have a baptismal service.

The interest in Bible study has been greatly aroused. Some of the Christians spend hours each day studying the Word, while before they waited for the preacher to feed them. It is my aim wherever I go to encourage the Lord's people to read the Word for themselves.

Since my return to the field, I have given out 1500 gospel tracts. Could have distributed more if I had them. Please pray for this need. Have given out seven New Testaments and ten Gospels of John in English to English speaking people. In my personal work I have spoken to many people, most of whom were college and university students.

The other day I returned from a two weeks gospel trip. First I went to Macedonia. This was my second visit there. During the second week I visited some places in our county. The Lord especially blessed the service in Dupnitsa. The meeting was in a private home. On account of the snow storm only a few people came. Among the new visitors were two girls, university students. One of them seemed to have been deeply touched by the Gospel message. She asked many questions pertaining to salvation and the Christian life. Please pray for that girl.

On the way home in the train I had a talk with a young man. He was coming from Sofia where he has been divorced from his wife. She does not want to live with him, because he is an ardent anarchist, was his explanation. I thank God that He enabled me to convince this young man that Sin is the cause of all personal and social ills, against which he complained so bitterly. And that the only cure of that individual and social gangrene is the blood of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord willing, next letter and report will come from Haskovo, where I am taking up a Church as you advised me to do before

Pastor Constantin IV Grachenoff and his "Holy Donkey"

I sailed from New York. In the past this Church has been very much alive, but now is about to close the doors. Please pray for me in this new undertaking. It is my prayer and desire that this Church may become the first missionary Church in Bulgaria. There is one inconvenience. During the summer I will be called again to finish up the remaining 4½ months of my term in the army, but God can take care of that situation. I am leaving for Haskovo next Monday and expect to preach my first sermon there on the first of January, 1939.

Here enclosed I am sending you the picture of a humble and little known to the world servant of Christ. While in Macedonia the last time I came across it, and it made upon me a great impression. I thought may be it will be of interest to the readers of *The*

European Harvest Field. His record reminds me of that of the apostle Paul in II Cor. 11:24-28. The following is the record on the card and on the fly leaf at the back of his Bible:

"Pastor Constantin Iv. Grachenoff, from Bansko. Born January 18, 1866. The picture was taken on Feb. 8, 1925, on the way home from village Iakoruda, I go to preach in the following villages: Iakoruda, Bania, Dobrinishta, Gurmen, and Kovatchevitsa. I began Christian work in 1890. Was ordained in Thessalonica in 1903. I have labored in the following counties in Macedonia: Razlog, Nevrocop, Ihtiman, Djumaia, Strumitsa, Thessalonica, and Radovish.

Eleven times I have been in the hands of Turkish brigands, twice in Greece and twice in Bulgaria. The Lord Jesus Christ delivered me in a wonderful way from the hands of the Turkish brigands, who had tied me up with ropes, with four other persons in the store of Hristo Pregov, in the village of Eleshintsa. In Gurmena snake crawled around my leg, but the Lord preserved my life until this moment.—Praise His Holy name."

His wife is still alive and does a great visitation and personal work in their home town. Unfortunately at present she is in great financial need. If some brother in Christ would feel led to extend a helping hand to her, I am sure it will be greatly appreciated.

The history of the donkey, which is very old but still alive, is almost as interesting as that of its master. The people of Bansko call it "Holy Donkey", because it has carried its master on his missionary journeys. Four times enemies of the Word had taken the donkey from its master. The last time it was returned to its owner after the American consul, Mr. Murfey, at that time had ordered so. Because of the consul's intervention the people say that the donkey has an international value.

Yours in His service,

VASIL ANGELOFF.

A SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARY

Pray For This Faithful Brother in the Hungarian Field

Hungary, Dec. 31.

Dear Christian Friends:

It was most painful for me to learn from the November issue of *The Harvest Field* of the illness of our dear Brother Smith. Yet, thank the Lord who has brought him safely through and let us rejoice at his recovery which seems now assured. May the Lord grant him further years of service.

Due to the failure of consulting God in the making of the peace treaties of twenty years ago, Europe was on the verge of another war. But the Lord has prevailed! and let us give Him thanks and be glad that what we all feared is now of the past. The territory where Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miller are serving the Lord is now ceded to Hungary and thus with myself included as your self-supporting missionary, the three of us are serving as your missionaries in Hungary. May I also note, that the city where the Millers work is now again called by its centuries-old name of "Munkacs" instead of Mukachevo.

Trusting in the Lord, my work in the Kingdom's cause is going ahead with blessed results. Last night a meeting was arranged in the workmen's home. The men were not used to hearing the Christian message I brought to them, but as the meeting progressed they became deeply interested. This was evident from the questions submitted after the meeting when personal work among the men was in order. I then found that there were instances of the Seed falling among thistles and on the wayside, while others were praying to be excused. Some say they must first have fair living conditions, for the want of which they have become too callous to accept the Gospel, and claiming that the clergy and church society must first have salvation and prove their Christianity toward their brother-man through their works, and then they will be ready to regard the salvation I preach as genuine. Answering each of their objections with Scripture quotations seemed to satisfy most of the objectors and will bear fruit in due season.

The work among the children continues with blessed results. Scripture truths are presented through experimental object lessons based on the book of an American writer, Charlotte Gray. Then Gospel stories follow with the singing of Gospel songs. The children love these meetings and the power of the Gospel is now evident in their lives.

We are having twelve inches of snow and is even now heavily falling and is preventing my visit to the town ten kilometers away. The use of the bicycle is out of the question so I may try to reach the place afoot. The field is quite promising there; however my supply of Scripture tracts is now exhausted and I could use these to great advantage there as well as elsewhere. As per my last letter, may I ask you again to please have the New York Tract Society send a supply as they were kind enough to send ample supplies several times in the past.

Bible groups and classes in practical Christian work among young men is being organized. Please pray for a rich blessing upon this work as well.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

EUGENE NAGY.

A SISTER DOING DOUBLE DUTY

Emmy Steyrer is Laboring in Vienna and Also in Graz

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 6, 1939.

First of all I want to praise the Lord for His wonderful grace, for His presence at all times, for His keeping and sustaining power in trying times and dangerous days. I praise Him for permitting us to proclaim the full Gospel of Christ without restraint and I praise Him for His wonderful peace deep down in the heart right in midst of work and rush and perplexity. What a wonderful Saviour He is.

A little belated, yet not less heartily I want to wish all our dear friends and all our prayer helpers God's richest blessings for the New Year and at this occasion I also want to thank again all those who so faithfully and regularly send their gifts that make it possible for me to work here where the Word of God is needed so much. May the Lord's special blessing rest upon them and may He multiply their gifts and use them to the salvation of souls.

I have not written for *The Harvest Field* in a long time and I am almost afraid some of our friends might think we are not permitted to work any longer, but thanks be to God, we are. In fact I have so much to do that I have but very little time for writing.

Many changes have taken place in our country during the past year and some of them have affected our work to a certain extent. We have lost one of our splendid workers at our post at Graz, Styria. He was a Swiss by birth and had been connected with our work in Austria for over ten years. Now he was suddenly called back to Switzerland. The Swiss people seem to have lost a great deal of their sympathy and interest in us since we belong to Germany. Now this important post with nearly 200,000 inhabitants is without a worker.

Graz is a large and beautiful town and has only two evangelical churches, which have cut out the entire Old Testament from their preaching and part of the New Testament as well. Because we are keeping to the whole Bible they persecute us as a "sect" and would like to see us disappear. We have the same difficulty with the churches here in Vienna. Clear Gospel work is very much needed in Graz and we have to do all we can with the help of God to keep it up in spite of lack of funds and other hindrances.

I have been very ill this summer and was still very weak at the time Graz lost its missionary. I was very much in prayer about it and felt the clear leading of God to offer myself to take up the work there besides my work at Vienna. I prayed very earnestly for assurance, guidance and much needed strength and the Lord supplied abundantly. So I am spending three days at Graz and four at Wien every week. The distance is rather long, 202 km. and the travelling expenses pretty high, but of course much less than it would be to keep a special worker there. You will realize what a help it is to the Lord's work here that my support comes from our dear Christian friends in America. May the Lord bless them.

At Christmas and already the weeks before this double work was still doubled with preparations for the holy days, programs and packages for children and the aged. Nights had to be used and lend their time, but the Lord was with me. He supplied the strength and all that was needed and He kept me calm and filled my heart with unspeakable peace. O, what would we do without Him! How pitifully poor are those who do not know Him, and there are so many of them in my country.

Pray for us; pray for our young people and children. Temptations are so great and manifold in these days. People feel ashamed to show that they believe in the Lord Jesus or that they go to church; children know that they are free to choose for themselves if they want to come to Sunday School or to religious instructions. Nobody, not even their parents, can force or influence them into it. Even those who would like to come feel ashamed to come. They know that other children of atheists and communists, would mock them at school, so they stay away, too.

We lost all of our children this summer when they were sent to Germany for six weeks or more and it was hard to gather them again after they came back. We had to visit them again and again until now we have a nice class of mostly girls. The boys are in the "Hitler Youth" and very much occupied with other things. It is hard even for the girls to find time to come. Therefore we would appreciate your special prayer for our children's work. We long to see all those who like to come to hear of the Saviour and all who come so regularly accept Him whole heartedly, and that others might come who had never been here before.

Although the field is hard and the way goes uphill most of the time, our merciful God, gives us joy and encouragement in many cases. There is, for example, one family in which the father is a drunkard since his youth and the mother used to neglect her children and her home and curse the name of God. Now she loves Him, and although the father is still drinking and swearing, the condition of the home is changed. The children are well cared for, nicely dressed and clean. They all come to our children's hour, even the smallest boy of three,—they like to come and to listen to the Gospel stories. The oldest girl has given her heart to the Lord and we hope and pray that the others will follow soon.

Another reason for joy and thanksgiving: There is an elderly lady,—she used to be an

opera singer,—was converted during one of Pastor Monsky's evangelistic campaigns years ago, but drifted back into the world. Now she is restored, clinging to her Saviour and coming regularly to all of my meetings, praising the Lord and bringing others in. The Lord surely *is* good and His mercy endureth forever.

Space would not permit to say more. I just wanted to let you know what the Lord is doing over here and what He is permitting us to do for Him. Please pray for us earnestly in this time of crisis. We had to give up our dear old hall, where the Lord had been present with His blessings during these past 27 years, and where Dr. Gaebelein came to know our work and brought his messages while in Vienna two years ago. I was informed only to-day that we will have to move out on February the first and we don't know yet where to find another hall.

At the close I would like to thank Mr. Smith for his earnest call to prayer for all the workers in Europe. The matter is serious, for hardly any country of Europe will permit a new foreign missionary to come in to do missionary work among their people. The Lord is able to turn everything to the best. We want to stand firmly as His witnesses, preach the Gospel as we have received it from Him and keep so close to Him that He can fill us with His Holy Spirit from moment to moment.

O, that we might so live before this poor, lost world that they could see Him in us so clearly and vividly that they could not resist Him any longer and that His name might be glorified through our lives. What have we to fear? All His wonderful promises are ours, we stand upon them, we count on them and He will not put us to shame, nor will He ever leave or forsake us. Praise His holy Name.

EMMY H. STEYRER.

FEAR NOT — REJOICE

Eldon House, Croydon, England.

When I said good bye to Carl Faulkner in Warsaw he looked very sad. He was unsettled. The daily uncertainty had gotten on his nerves. I put him down on our prayer list for special remembrance. Eventually he had to go, and away he went, still nervous. Trouble at the frontier and trouble every where gave him a nightmare. He was cast on to "no man's land."

Then God began "a new thing" for him. His faith began to rise as he received a welcome to enter a needy land. Eventually he fell into the arms of my friend Dr. Gers and his consecrated sister-in-law, Miss Walker, from London. Now he was "at home." The clouds lifted, the sun shone, and soon he was singing, "Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus our Blessed Redeemer."

Karl is taking lessons in Yiddish to work among the Jews. Already Dr. Gers has taken him on trips into the country, where he speaks with the aid of an interpreter. Karl is like a bird let out of a cage. He is free and feels that he has found a great harvest field. A letter is before me from his pen. He is grateful for literature we have sent, and we are sending some clothing. Pray for Karl. We thank the Lord for him and expect great things in the near future.

We are in touch with Miss Christoffersen and the workers she left behind in Poland. The devil is raging furiously, but our Lord is reigning. May hearts be touched to give liberally to this good work. Give — give — give, by prayer, by sympathy and self-sacrifice. God bless the *American European Fellowship*.

F. SPENCER JOHNSON.

MANY OVERCOME WITH SICKNESS

Mlynow, Poland, Dec. 31.

Let them that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.—Judges 5:31.

Dear Friends in the Lord:—

The year 1938 came to its end. We were seeing many different things during the past twelve months, but what profit could we derive from all of them? Are we better now than we were a year ago? Did we bring more fruit for our blessed Lord? Are we stronger in faith, more Christ-like? "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves," — 2 Cor. 13:5. With such thoughts we meet the New Year. We wish to say with the Psalmist: — "Thou maintainest my lot" (16:5) and "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (90:12).

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your remembrance of us. May the Lord reward you with eternal blessings according to His promises. I thank you for the support which I received this month. At the beginning of the month I was invited to visit two different places, and I was preparing to accept, but at the time of my departure heavy rain spoiled the road. Two days later I was in bed sick with the "grippe." I was just one week in bed. When I was well, then my wife and child were taken ill with the same sickness, but much easier then myself. It is difficult to find a single home here where no one was ill this month with this sickness. Now we all are well, praise the Lord.

We bring all of you daily before the Lord's throne. May He keep you in His love and bless you all abundantly in this new year. Remember us in your prayers. We greet you all in His precious name. Yours in the Master's service.

JOHN GORDIUK.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

I Am That I AM — Jehovah—I Jehovah Change Not

except she be open and true. Dear Esther, she is so precious, and we all feel she should

Sitting at home in Denmark, and thinking of all my friends who always seem so near at Christmas time, and somehow reviewing the experiences of the year fast passing into history — and what history is being written in these days! — one rejoices in the assurance: "I Jehovah change not."

And having in fresh memory all one heard and saw of the treatment offered the Chosen People at the hands of the great dictators of Europe, there is also encouragement in the following words:- "Therefore ye, O Sons of Jacob, are not consumed."

Seeing Things In Germany

The four weeks spent in Germany were full of interest — I was seeing and being convinced of many things. As I always walked in Jewry — in the synagogues, the big department stores, private homes and missions, even witnessing to them on the street — all this made me understand and feel that Scripture is being fulfilled before my very eyes. The "Day of the Lord" is at hand.

Being at large tent meetings and fine Bible Conferences — meeting ministers of the Church of Confessions — even walking in Dahlem — it all confirmed to my mind the fact that the whole counsel of God cannot be proclaimed publicly in that land any more. Yet I know that there are faithful, true children of God in Germany who suffer and pray for righteousness. We all ought to be in earnest prayer for them, that they may stand and withstand in these evil days.

The summer holidays in Switzerland were blessed and beneficial in many ways — seeing sights of great beauty — making contacts with other Missionaries — entering into prayer partnership with choice saints of God. Gaining strength physically and spiritually; especially choice the days spent in France. Haute Saviour, the higher altitude, the invigorating pure air, proved most helpful to my heart. I found myself walking over the high mountain with ease — and it was with great joy and praise, for until then this had been impossible. My knowledge of the French language was also improved — and a cleared vision of the needs and opportunities of this land — to which I believe the Lord is calling me for future service — was also gained.

Back in Warsaw Once More

Then to take the express train for Warsaw, with a two weeks visa granted — what joy in meeting my dear fellow workers on my arrival late at night—it was a sweet meeting, a royal welcome. To walk into the old home at Aleja Jerozolemshia, so beautifully set in order, prepared with love which deeply touched my heart. Then to walk once more in the Ghetto, among friends and foes — into the familiar homes, which seemed darker and poorer than ever — to meet my own dear little children with their fathers and mothers. They had been waiting — in their sorrowing condition — they seem to expect so much from us.

Walking on the street — suddenly a little boy, dragging a far too big wagon for his size, recognized me and instantly left his wagon, came over to me, took my hands, kissed them, big tears filling his eyes as he looked into mine. I felt that this extremely poor and despairing little fellow — representative of so many others — looked to me as his only hope — but we always tell them all of the only hope for the future — Jesus Christ.

Only Hope of the Future

We had some precious days of spiritual fellowship — they came, all the dear girls and young men. We had the cross at the center for all our lessons, for as much as it was here we found salvation, so it is the claims of the

Miss Christoffersen

cross that confront every true believer. And the last evening we were wondering if they would — could, in all truth and sincerity, take it and follow Him all the way. Tosio, my dear child, stood up and said alone and for all: "I surrender all!"

Pray For This Lovely Girl

We had private talks with the girls, about the conditions laid down in the Word upon which they could be helped. One girl would so love to be a deaconess, but she could not tell it at home. She wanted to run away, and this we could not accept, and so she was left with this word, that we could do nothing for her

be a Missionary — it is strength and courage she needs to leave all, and faith to trust for the future.

Channa loves the Lord and His Word; she is faithful. As she is a little hunchback, we are perplexed about what to do. We did not talk to her about her future, and she feels so sad and unhappy about it. Frau Grygge with her little boy Lybely is abandoned by a very mean husband, who has already married another — how can we help her in the future? These are studying English, trusting God to open the door to get out of Poland into a land which offers a future.

There are so many beloved children—little Maicha, Italy, Bella Rusha — grown up believers and young men — Abraham, writing so pathetically, asking me to pray for his dreadful condition — and always signs himself,"Your Abraham."

Sad Story of a Princess

We have once before told you about a Polish royal family which God providentially brought us in touch with — the young countess, charming and proud, left Poland in September for New York, where she was to enter an engagement to sing over the radio. The very day of signing the contract she was suddenly completely paralyzed. With sight and speech gone, she was lying unconscious for six weeks in the Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn — then passed on. We believe God in His great mercy had saved her soul. We prayed night and day for her, and she had heard the Gospel from our lips.

As it all began during my visit in Warsaw, I came into close, close touch with her mother and her brother, an elegant Polish count, serving in the army. In their despair, feeling nothing could help but God, they called on us day and night, and we were privileged to pray with them and to comfort them with the Word. Will you ask God to reveal Himself to this bereaved mother in deeper, fuller assurance of faith, and to this young man in salvation and surrender. This might mean much to Poland, now fast closing the doors for foreign witnesses. And include in your prayers all who knew the young women, that they will heed the warning of the uncertainty of life and all else on this old earth. Prov. 29:1.

Home After Twenty Years

It was with deep impressions on heart and mind of all I heard and saw these past months that I finally came home to Denmark. It feels good — at least outward peace and safety. Copenhagen is a city of distinct beauty all its own. It is the city of my childhood and of my mother tongue, which I have not spoken for more than twenty years. There are deep and real needs here, too, for although most of the folks are church-going people, yet a personal vital knowledge of Jesus Christ, with concern for His Name and cause is sadly lacking.

God has, however, brought me into fellowship with a group of fine ladies from the best society in Denmark, who want to serve the Lord with all they have — who are bringing their children up in the fear of the Lord — and better still, who are entering into the great ministry of intercession. We meet twice a week, and God blesses and answers, and we are so happy and full of praise.

The year closes — so much with it — all the work at Warsaw as far as geography and government is concerned — but all God has wrought by His Holy Spirit, in answer to our prayers in His great Name — no earthly power can destroy. We can hold it by praise and thanksgiving.

Dark and Confusing (But No Fear)

In thanking you for this fellowship, for all prayer, love and care, we rejoice in trusting for continuation of it in another land. Dark and confusing as it may look, we need not fear. The great "I Am" will be in every moment always making good and actual all its promises if we will trust and obey it. There is a large field — cities populated with Jews, without a living witness. Who will heed the call and come over and help us? Come out to prove, magnify and exalt His Name together with us.

Thy Name — O Jehovah — endureth forever. Loving greetings to the dear fellow workers at the office. I wish you all great blessings from above. In the Name Wonderful,

Yours as always.

Tordis Christoffersen.

Again God Answers Prayer

Dear Brother Smith:

I rejoice to learn of your full recovery from your recent illness. — It is but a few days ago that I mailed my letter to our society and today I received our treasurer's letter with check for $20 and another letter from a friend enclosed, who had contributed one half i. e. ten dollars of this sum in support of my missionary work here. Please accept my thanks for your lovely gift which I will use with God's help to the best advantage in the Kingdom's cause. I have also written to this friend thanking him for his personal support of the work here.

The burden of my prayer for several months past had been the further extension of my mission work. God does answer prayer. A most devoted Christian friend from New York in his letter received yesterday is asking for information right in line with the substance of my prayer which may lead to a full realization. May the Lord grant that it be so! The time is short and let us preach His most precious gospel while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Again thanking you Christian friends for your present gift in support of the work of our mutual Friend Jesus Christ to Whom be praise and glory forever.

Sincerely yours in Christian love

EUGENE NAGY.

AS A EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN SEES THE WORLD TODAY

From a recent letter to the Editor

The ever changing circumstances around us and the uncertain political situation in Europe make us realize more than ever how utterly dependent we are upon the Lord. The days in which we are living just now are terrible. The news which trickles through from Germany is very sad indeed. The papers report only a mere fraction of what is happening to the Jews and the Christians in Germany. No one tells except in a whisper, because everybody is afraid of personal harm and of an increase in the general persecution. This fear of espionage is extending to all the neighbors of Germany. Fear is the dominant factor in the lives of the European nations, not excluding the totalitarian states. We know from very reliable sources that the cruelties perpetrated upon the Jews are causing much sadness and discontent in Germany itself. Personally, I would not be surprised if some day a revolution broke out in Germany and in that case there would be a mass murder without parallel in history. The turn which the events are taking in Germany shows that the men in command are unbalanced, moved by terror and, as some say, by sadistic motives. If this be true, the undoing of the terrorist system in Germany cannot be far off.

The future is dark, and in the face of what is happening to the poor Jews, one wonders what the "time of Jacob's trouble" will be like. Surely the day of the Judgment of the Nations cannot be very far off now, because the cup of iniquity is filling rapidly. What a joy to discover that, whereas the mountains are being shaken, "there is a river, the streams wherof, shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early" (Psa. 46:4, 5).

—Sunday School Times, Dec. 24, 1938

KARL MOVES TO NEW FIELD

Dear Col. Sanctuary:—

As you see, I have a new address, and not Brother Miller's either. I've been having some "fun" in these past few days, but hope to be settled soon. I had to leave Warsaw so fast that I had no time to do anything. Sorry to leave but there was nothing else to do when the government refused to extend my visa. Even our Embassy failed to get a single day extension, so there was nothing to do but go at once.

I was with Mr. Miller one hour. Had a terrible time getting here by train, bus, military motor truck and wagon. Then I was refused permission to pass into Hungary by the Czechs. Finally I was given permission through their kindness, and then I was refused entrance by the Hungarians. Thus I was like the Jews you probably read about in your newspapers, — in no man's land in the dark and rain. I know something of how they felt now. But the Czechs were very kind and took me in again, so I am back here in Czechoslovakia again, where they found me a bed. So I will be here for a time if permitted to remain. There are many Jews in this little town and Jews all about us, so there is plenty to do, but the question of language again comes in. I believe it will be Yiddish this time, with a smattering of Russian or Ukrainian. What a "babel" this place is!

The Lord has so wonderfully protected me through it all, and has provided places to sleep and to eat along the way. It took me six days to get here, and I am not really settled down yet. We surely have a wonderful and faithful God. No one knew English as a rule, and so I struggled with what German and Polish I knew. You should have been along; it was a "grand" time, but mighty tiring I can assure you, and how I longed for rest and quiet! This world is not our resting place, as I am fast finding out.

Please don't forget to pray for the Millers. They are in a hard place indeed and very unsettled conditions in their city. Also don't forget Warsaw. It was hard to leave, especially before Christmas, but the Lord's will is best. Last night they had their Christmas, and today I'm celebrating it here. I spoke to my first Russian last night. Will have opportunities here to meet different peoples and trust to learn the language and to be of real use for Christ.

KARL FAULKNER.

Orthodox Curls on Children
Picture from Rudolph Miller

HARDSHIPS, BUT NOT COMPLAINING

Rapotice, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 21.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:—

The situation here is difficult. The population is in a turmoil, every where crowded, and the winter makes it difficult to set the proposed relief work going. Lack of dwellings hits us also, for its is really difficult to find a place in which to live. Thus we are still divided, the greater part of our furniture remains thus far at Znaim, and often we have to go there to see about our interests, as well as to visit the remaining friends before they all are able to get away.

We rejoiced that the Post Office granted us permission to send out our publication from our temporary address, not even imagining that the district officer would make difficulties. In Znojmo we were also close to the border, but now they say that the publication would not be allowed close to the border. The country being so badly cut up by the occupation, it will be difficult to get a place which is entirely acceptable. We look to the Lord where to go. It may be best to continue for a time the traveling evangelism.

Besides, it is the general opinion that the coming spring will bring a complete change of situation, as if the German forces would be somehow broken. We do not follow the politics, so we know hardly anything more than we occasionally hear. But we get our share of the general difficulties, hardships and added expenses, for the continual travel from place to place costs a lot. Yet we will not complain; the Lord knows the best and we want to be in His will till He shall call us, which may be shortly. The general situation points that way.

CHARLES and EDNA LUKESH.

A Delayed Letter

Nov. 30, 1938, Stob, Bulgaria

Dear Brother Sanctuary,

Yesterday I returned from a Gospel trip down in Macedonia. Next week, the Lord willing, I expect to go to a town 30 miles away from here, to preach the Word of life. From there I plan to go to Sofia.

I heard of Mr. Smith's illness, but did not know that it was so serious. It is my earnest prayer that the Lord will raise him up and use him still more in His work.

A Christian brother down in Macedonia told me that he loves to hear me preach, because I do not philosophise, but preach the Word and Christ. I think that was a good compliment for a young minister like myself. And it also goes to show that there are ministers in our country that do not preach Christ and the Word. It was a great joy in Macedonia to see Christians built up in the faith, back-sliders restored, and unbelievers brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord.

Since it will be too late until I go to Sofia to get Chrismas greeting cards, I take the opportunity now to wish you and Mrs. Sanctuary, and to all the members of the Fellowship's Board a Merry Christmas. Sincerely Your's in Him,

Vasil Angeloff

Not Paying His Expenses
Who Will Respond to This Letter?

I send two signed vouchers and acknowledge two sums received from Mr. P. B. By this occasion I send my hearty thanks for the funds sent me. But I am very sorry to state that what I have received is not enough to cover my personal support; so much the more I am tightly constrained in my work for the Lord. In November I received nothing, and we now face the problem how we will pass through December. By the help of brethren I was able to spend one month in visiting different congregations,

and in another month I visited several more places with visible blessing of the Lord. I send a picture of a small congregation taken in Krakow by an English brother whom I met there. Sundays I visit different congregations in Warsaw. Brethren are usually very glad to hear my sermons, but nobody seems to care how I come. Last Sunday I was compelled to stay at home because of lack of means. With hearty Christian greetings and best wishes in view of the coming Christmas, I remain, Yours in His love.—A. P.

A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK

Plock, Poland, Jan. 16.

Dear Friends:—

The new year 1939 has begun, already a half month is past. We don't know what it holds for us, but one thing we know, the King of Kings still rules this world. Our future is very dark before us, clouds are gathering on the horizon, we can already see lightnings here and there and who knows when the real storm will come up. Will the year 1939 bring this storm that is darkening the sky more and more. Thoughts like that go through our minds and sometimes something like fear will come up and take hold of us, but . . we have God's word and His precious promises and they give peace to a fearful heart. Praise His name!

We tell our children the Bible stories for morning worship, it is so much better than reading for we have their full attention. A few days ago we told the story of Moses praying on the mount while Israel was fighting against Amalek. The thought came to me in a new way how important it is to hold up praying hands and to be held up in prayer. There it can very well be seen that the victory was mainly due to the upheld hands of Moses. That is our very experience here. I am certain that if our friends had not been so faithful in their prayers for us we could not have stayed here and worked in His vineyard. Therefore we want to thank you all for your faithful prayer help. Our friend sent us a Christmas card signed, "Praying for you" and the name. I hardly think she realizes what such greetings mean to us. O, that we might be more faithful in prayer.

Our visa expires May 15. We are wondering whether we will get it prolonged this time. Since Mr. Faulkner, who was in charge of the Jewish mission of the AMERICAN EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP in Warsaw, had to leave Poland, we are afraid that the same might happen to us. The Lord knows and He has His plans ready for us. That keeps us quiet and stops all cares. Will you pray that God may have His own way with us and that we shall be kept in the center of His will.

The prayer of God's children is that the Lord again will work in our midst this winter especially among the young people. It is also much on our hearts that the Lord will cleanse the ones who are already His and remove every hindrance that the Holy Spirit may do His full work. Some of the young people confessed one to another that they cannot get quiet any where and are so very restless. Will you help us in this prayer also?

Pray for the unity of the saints. In some of the meetings there is everything but unity. It is so sad because the Lord blessed there last winter, but this disharmony has harmed the work.

Pray that God should grant us wisdom in every part of the work. I should like to make my girls' class more attractive for the girls, that they may receive much blessing in coming. Best of all are my women's meetings. I had some hikes this past fall and winter, walking about five to six miles to get there, but the blessed fellowship made up for it.

So far we have been quite well in the family, but now two of the children have heavy colds, the two youngest ones. The two oldest go to school and learn fairly well. They are a lively bunch and one is glad when they are all in bed and asleep.

MARTHA STETTLER

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MISSIONARIES IN TRIBULATION

ONE has but to read the missionary letters in this number of **The European Harvest Field** to realize that the workers throughout Europe are in the midst of hardships, suffering and tribulation. Perhaps all will quiet down in those states overshadowed by the clouds of war; it may be that civil and clerical opposition to a free religion will cease to lay their embargoes on Gospel preaching; but rather is it not true that "as ye have heard that anti-Christ shall come, even now here are many anti-Christs; whereby we know that it is the last time, (I John 2:18). "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He that now hindereth will hinder, until He be taken out of the way." (II Thes. 2:7).

Whatever the course of events may be in the next few months, it is certain that at this moment every missionary on the European field is greatly in need of our prayers. And with our praying must go our financial help, for he who hinders the Gospel preaching in Europe is quite as ready to hinder the Gospel giving by Christian people. The Missionaries must have our best gifts to supply food and clothing and shelter in these trying times.

Pray as you continue your gifts
Give as you continue your prayers.

He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting". (Gal. 6:8).